

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, June 6, 1894, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Twin Oaks, West Washington, D. C. June 6th (1894) My dear Alec:

I am not sure but that you are right in not letting the children stay longer in Cambridge, so I don't mind your sending for them. The only thing that troubles me is what they will do at Beinn Bhreagh. I don't want Mr. McCurdy to stay in the house with them without me. I think he will be as nice as possible to them, but Elsie is all ready to misconstrue every attention he pays her. She thinks the flowers he sent her on her birthday evidence that he likes her very much, a great deal more than he does Daisy, and she is very much pleased, and quite ready to accept all his attentions. If he avoids her she would be mad. If you were up in the mornings and kept them with you all the time I would be satisfied, but they have been hearing a vast deal of nonsense here where Helen and Gypsey and Gracie have their lovers and carry on tremendous flirtations, and both children think Mr. McCurdy quite young enough to flirt with, and they want to have a good time with him and any other man they can get hold of.

I will leave here Sunday night and go right through. I think I am a comfort to both Mamma and Grace just now and I would like to stay a few days longer. Mamma is discouraged about her eyes, days she regrets the operation extremely, was over persuaded into it and thinks she has gained nothing and lost a great deal. She says she does not see half as well as she did and I am sure she is glad to have me here to watch over Grace, and see that the nurse is careful. The baby I think is a good healthy little fellow and Grace is doing very well. The baby I think seems chilly and does not sleep as well in the bassinet as when cuddled up close to his mother, and he is a wee creature little bigger than a marmoset.

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Goodbye my dear, watch over our children till I come.

Yours ever, Mabel.